

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Xiang et al.  
Title: SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION PROCESS AND STRUCTURE WITH  
MINIMIZED STRAINED SILICON CONSUMPTION  
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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of candor and good faith of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants note that the 169 days of patent term adjustment as indicated on the Notice of Allowance mailed on March 25 2008 for the above-captioned application disagree with the Applicants' own calculation of Patent Term Adjustment. It is hereby requested that the Patent Office verify the calculation of the Patent Term Adjustment for the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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